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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - FUEL SHORTAGES.

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1. CURRENT COMMERCIAL JET FUEL SITUATION IN SWEDEN IS TIGHT WITH ONE MAJOR OIL COMPANY OFFICIAL ESTIMATING THAT PRESENT STOCKS AMOUNT TO "NOT MORE THAN ONE MONTH'S NORMAL CONSUMPTION." CONCERN, OF COURSE, ARISES FROM WORLD-WIDE CUTABCKS RATHER THAN ANY DEVELOPMENTS HERE. NORMAL PRACTICE IN SWEDEN IS TO MAINTAIN RELATIVELY SMALL RESERVE STOCKS OF FUEL FOR CIVIL AIRCRAFT; STORAGE FACILITIES ARE LIMITED AND JET FUEL FOR CIVIL USE IS NOT INCLUDED IN 90-DAY RESERVE REQUIREMENT LEVIED ON OIL COMPANIES FOR OTHER PETROLEUM

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PRODUCTS (SEE STOCKHOLM 3970).

2. PANAM IS ONLY US CARRIER WITH SCHEDULED SERVICE TO SWEDEN AND IT HAS ONLY TWO FLIGHTS PER WEEK PLUS OCCASIONAL CHARTERS. MAJOR US OIL COMPANIES SHARE IN SUPPLYING FUEL TO SAS AND OTHER AIRLINES OPERATING IN SWEDEN.

3. EMBASSY UNABLE SO FAR TO DEVELOP MUCH INFORMATION ON GOS PLANS, IF ANY, WITH RESPECT FUEL SHORTAGE. WHEN CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR WINBERG WAS ASKED BY ECON COUNSELOR ABOUT FUEL SITUATION, WINBERG REPLIED THAT HE "HARD NO INFORMATION" ON SUBJECT." EMBASSY SUSPECTS THAT GOS IS INDEED CONCERNED AND IS PLAYING CARDS CLOSE TO CHEST. WINBERG'S RETICENCE MAY BE RELATED ALSO TO LONG-STANDING SWEDISH RELUCTANCE TO REVEAL INFO ABOUT MILITARY FUEL RESERVES.

4. WITH REGARD TO GENERAL PETROLEUM SUPPLY SITUATION, LOCAL DIRECTOR OF US OIL COMPANY TOLD EMBASSY TODAY THAT OVER PAST WEEKEND HIS COMPANY HAD BEEN FORCED BY ARAB SUPPLIERS TO CUT CRUDE DELIVERIES TO COMPANY'S REFINERIES IN DENMARK AND HOLLAND AND PROBABLY UK, IN ORDER TO INCREASE CRUDE SHIPMENTS TO FAVORED SPAIN AND FRANCE. GOS SUBMITTED BILL TO PARLIAMENT ON NOVEMBER 9 REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RESERVE STOCKS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO LEVEL EQUIVALENT TO "ESTIMATED CONSUMPTION IN 1976 AMOUNTING TO: 111 DAYS FOR GASOLINE; 148 DAYS FOR KEROSENE, MOTOR FUEL OILS AND LIGHT HEATING OILS; AND 107 DAYS FOR HEAVY HEATING OILS." CRUDE OIL STOCKS WOULD BE INCREASED TO THREE MILLION CUBIC METERS. WHERE THIS OIL WILL COME FROM WAS NOT EXPLAINED. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF JET FUEL IN GOS PRESENTATION.
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